

# The Daily Courant.

Monday, August 1. 1708.

*London, August 1.*

\* N. B. that most of the Articles of this Paper, have Relation to those given in Saturday's Courant.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated August 3.

From the Frontier of Savoy, July 24.

**T**HE Duke of Savoy has put himself at the Head of his Army, to open the Campaign. The Marshal de Villars, who is at Oulx, being inform'd of it, has sent Order to the Troops that are in Provence to come and joyn him forthwith: He seems to design to form a Camp under the Cannon of the Fort of Barreaux, to defend the Entrance into Dauphine. In the mean time M. de Schulenbourg, has by Order from his Royal Highness already pass'd the petit S. Bernard, with 4 Battallions and 1500 Horse, and is now encamp'd at Cer in the Tarantaise: M. de Thouy commands the French Troops on that Side. Some Parties have already come to Blows near Cer. Another Body of his Royal Highness's Troops have descended Mount Cenis, and enter'd the Maurienne where the Count de Medavi commands. Count Thaun arriv'd some Days ago at Turin, but has been oblig'd by the breaking out of an old Wound to stop there.

From the Harl. and Amst. Courants, dated August 4.

*Paris, July 30.* The Duke of Savoy taking his March with 10000 Men by the Way of Mount Cenis, and a like Number moving down by the Valley of Aoste, they both joyn'd at Modane and march'd towards St. Jean de Maurienne, la Chambre and Montmélian. The Marshal de Villars having thrown a strong Garrison into the Fort of Barreux, is advanc'd with the rest of his Troops to the River Arre, which runs into the Arc at St. Jean de Maurienne, in order to cut off the Enemy's Passage. 'Tis bodily discours'd, that the Army of the Duke of Savoy is already come upon our Frontiers, tho' the Particulars are kept secret. The Women of the better Sort have already begun to retire from Grenoble. 'Tis rumour'd, that the Marshal de Villars has acquainted the Court, that the People of Dauphine offer to take Arms to the Number of 25000 Men, to defend their Country; on Condition to serve only this Campaign: Upon which 'tis suppos'd the Court have dispatch'd necessary Orders.

From the Paris Gazette, dated July 28.

*Brussels, July 20.* The Advantages which the Allies gave out they obtain'd in the Battle fought near Audenarde are found to be less daily. The Prisoners they took were brought hither the 15th to the Number of about 2000 Persons; several having made their Escapes on the Road, and some after they came hither. The Town of Audenarde not being able to furnish Lodging for the numerous Wounded of the Allies, a very considerable number of Coaches, Waggon, and Carts which were fill'd with them, came from thence hither the 13th and 14th. 'Tis agreed in Holland, as well as here, that the Fight near Audenarde was not a general Engagement, that only Part of the French Foot were in the Action, and that the Horse had little to do in it.

*Lille, July 22.* By divers Advices we learn, that the Loss of the French in the Battle fought the 11th near Audenarde is not near so considerable as was at first believ'd. The Enemy had more Men kill'd, than the King's Troops had: Most of the Soldiers who straggle or dispers'd themselves have rejoyn'd the Army near Ghent, or have come back into this Country; and likewise many that were made Prisoners are return'd. The 14th the Marshal Duke of Berwick arriv'd here; and the last Division of Troops which he brought from Germany, amounting in all to 25000 effective Men, in 35 Battallions and 66 Squadrions, arriv'd the 9th with the Artillery at Valenciennes,

whence they came the 14th to joyn the rest on the side of the Canal between this City and Doway. The Enemy advanc'd the 14th to Warnezon on the Lys, and took it together with the Fort of Comines, in both which were but 100 Men, who surrender'd after they had made all the Resistance possible. The 15th they sent a Body of Troops to Armentieres, and a Detachment from that Body march'd to put the Province of Artois under Contribution: They took a Ransom of the little Town of Lens, burnt 5 pitiful Houses near Arras, and carried off Hostages with Horses and some Booty; but in their Return they were attack'd by the Peasants joyn'd by some Parties sent by the Marshal Berwick, who kill'd 3 or 400 of them near Richebourg within 2 Leagues of Berhune, and others in their Flight, and retook the Hostages, Horses and Booty. Our Parties frequently take from them Horses and Prisoners. We have just receiv'd an Account that the King's Lieutenant in Tournay having Advice that a Convoy was going from Audenarde to the Army of the Allies, attack'd it, beat the Guard, and brought off 100 Prisoners, 80 Horses, and 50 Waggon. Their Army is encamp'd with the Left towards Menin and the Right towards Rousselaer. That of the Duke of Burgundy is near Ghent, where they have Provisions and Forrage in great Abundance.

From the Harl. and Amst. Courants, dated Aug 2.

*Paris, July 27.* Upon Adive of the Enemy's putting Artois under Contribution, Order is sent from Court to put under Contribution that Part of Brabant and Flanders which belongs to the States General of the united Provinces. The Count de Bergeyck has assur'd the Court, that the Duke of Burgundy's Army will be provided where they are encamp'd with Bread these 3 Months at least. 'Tis given out that the Towns of Ghent and Bruges have offer'd to raise and maintain several thousand Men, for the Service of King Philip V: But this is very unlikely. The Duke of Burgundy causes the Fort of Plassendale to be fortified, as being of great Use to strengthen the Garrison of Ostend.

*Ostend, July 29.* Since the Loss of Plassendale, and upon the Enemy's becoming so near Neighbours, our Governour has been very diligently employ'd to interrupt the Enemy's Communication with Newport: To that End he has caus'd the Dugues to be cut through, the Roads to be broke up, several Bylanders to be sunk in the Canal, and Bridges to be demolish'd. The Enemy are no less diligent to repair all this assoon as they can; but they are no sooner gone, than our Men go out again; and last Night they fill'd up the Canal by Lessingen with Stones.

*Doway July 25.* The following Ordinance has been sent to the Castellany of Lille to be publish'd there.

In the King's Name.

\* Charles Stephen Maignart, Chevalier, Marquis de Bernieres, Councillor to the King in his Councils, Master of Requests, Intendant of Justice, civil Government and the Royal Revenues, and of the King's Armies in Flanders.

**B**eing inform'd that the Enemy make exorbitant Demands of Horses, Corn, and the like, from the States of the Castellany of Lille, in Derogation from the Treaties for Contributions; We do in the King's Name strictly forbid the furnishing them with any thing further than what is agreed by those Treaties: And if any Attempt be made to compell them thereto by military Execution, We declare that the like Usage shall be retaliated not only in Brabant, but likewise in all the Country under the Dominion of Holland on the other side of the Canal of Bruges; nay even in Zealand; where the Parties of the King's Army can penetrate. We command that the Horses of the Castellany of Lille be forthwith sent to the King's Army under the Duke of Berwick, to be employ'd there. And in Case the Enemy burn or do other Mischief, We promise in the King's Name, to make good the Loss that shall thereby be sustained. Done at Doway, July 23, 1708.

*Lille, July 25.* The following Ordinance has been publish'd here.

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In the King's Name

Andrew de Lee, Lieutenant-General of the King's Armies, Knight of the military Order of St. Louis, his Majesty's Commandant at Lille.

**W**E command all Baillifs and Magistrates of the Castellany of Lille, to forbid the Peasants, Farmers and others of the Towns, Villages, and Hamlets of the said District of Lille, to carry to the Armies or Towns of the Allies any Provisions or Forrage, on Pain of the most rigorous military Execution. Done at Lille the 24th of July, 1708.

*From the Detachment commanded by the Count de Tilly near Lens, July 30. Yesterday in the Afternoon the Count d'Erbach was detach'd with 2500 Horse towards Picardy, to support 150 Dragoons and 200 Huzzars, who had been sent forward to extend the Contributions. Yesterday the States of Artois agreed to pay 500000 Crowns Contribution: So that when the Count d'Erbach has rejoyn'd us, we shall all march back to the grand Army; which affoon as the heavy Artillery comes up will besiege (tis suppos'd) Lille.*

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated August 4.

*Lille, July 29. The Demand of the Allies for Contributions, is so high, that the Inhabitants of the open Country have been order'd to retire with their Cattle and other Effects into the fortified Places. The 24th the Enemy burnt 80 Houses at Risbourg, and plunder'd the Church. The Garden-Houses and Hedges within Cannon-Shot round this Place are level'd, that the Enemy may lye open to our View if they besiege us.*

From the Harl. and Amst. Cour. dated Aug 4.

*Brussels, Aug. 2. The Count de Bergeyck has sent all the Corn from Alost to Ghent, leaving the Inhabitants of Alost no more Corn than will serve them a Fortnight: The Inhabitants of the Country of Waes are also oblig'd to carry their Corn to Ghent. Now the Artillery is brought hither with great Toil, a sufficient Number of Horses is wanting to draw it with the Ammunition to the Army; For the Countries of the Walloon Brabant, Alost, Mechlen, and Antwerp, are full of the Enemy's Parties, who take up all the Horses and Waggon's which were summon'd hither, and carry them to Places of Security. The whole Train of Artillery, some Pieces from Aeth and Menin included, will consist of 94 heavy Cannon, and 20 great Mortars. This Morning early Intelligence was brought hither, that several thousands of the Enemies Horse and Grenadiers were come to Alost, and that the main Body of the Enemy's Army is in Motion in Brigades between the Dender and the Schelde, with Design to prevent the march of our Artillery: whereupon the hereditary Prince of Hesse-Cassel and Major-General Cadogan immediately mounted on Horseback, and march'd with the Hessian Troops to meet the Enemy. Tis now half an hour past 10, and we have yet no News from them. Yesterday a Detachment of the Enemy posted themselves before Louvain: The Burghers ran to Arms, and fir'd upon those who approach'd too near; the French return'd their Fire, kill'd 1 Man and wounded 2: Tis believ'd the French have since withdrawn.*

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated August 2.

*Hulst, July 30. Yesterday at 11 in the Morning came Advice, that a Body of 15 or 16000 of the Enemy, after having made a Feinte as tho' they design'd to besiege Damme, broke into the Lines of Biervliet, at Turkeyen between Ysendyck and Sluys, and at the Sluices between Ysendyck and Philippine. The Troops that were in the Lines, retir'd into Sluys, Ysendyck, Philippine, and into the Lines of Axel. As soon as the Enemy broke in, they fell to burning all the Houses, and blew up the Magazine of Biervliet. Yesterday they pass'd into the fine Country of Cadastan, where they laid the Villages and Farmhouses in Ashes. General Fagel is here. The Inhabitants of the Country of Cadastan are fled over to Zealand, and those of the Country of Waes hither.*

From the Harlem Courant, dated Aug. 4.

*Sluys, July 31. The 28th General Fagel had Advice, that a Body of the Enemy, to the Number of 12 or 14000 Men with 9 Cannon, were on the March towards the Lines of Cadastan; whereupon his Excellency hasten'd thither, and found those Lines guarded by two English Regiments of Foot and one of Dragoons: The Signal was given for the Militia of the Country to come in; which they did with all Expedition, to the Number of 1800 Foot and Horse, and were posted where twas judg'd best. About 6 in the Evening the Enemy approach'd the Lines, but the Tide coming in, they could not form an Attack till 5 a Clock the next Morning. In the mean Time General Fagel and Major-General Murray consulting with the Com-*

missioners of the Country, and judging it best not to hazard the Loss of the Troops, and thereby expose this Town of Sluys which had but a weak Garrison, drew off in the Night and retir'd hither, with the Country-Militia. The 29th at 6 in the Morning, at Ebb, the greatest Part of the Enemy's Body pass'd over into the Lines, without any Resistance; and finding no Person there to treat of Contributions, (their High Mightinesses having forbid the agreeing to pay any,) they presently set on Fire 30 of the best Farm-Houses, and also burnt a great many other Houses and a Church: This oblig'd the Inhabitants, with the Commissioners of the Country to hasten to the Enemy (to prevent further Damage) and submit to Contributions. They appear'd before the Marquis de Rodes about 2 in the Afternoon, and offer'd to pay Contributions on the same foot as did the Inhabitants of the Castellany of Ipres, when the Allies became Masters of their Lines: Had the Commissioners delay'd making their Appearance a Moment longer, 400 Dragoons had been sent out to burn and lay waste all the Country: But this was prevented, and at the Request of the Deputys the Marquis de Rodes drew off at 6 in the Evening: Yet by Marauders and others about 1000 Horses and Cows were carry'd off, the Houses plunder'd, and other Insolencies committed. We have no Account what Agreement the Commissioners have made with the French Intendant M. de Bernieres.

*Middleburg, Aug. 1. The 29th past the French did great Damage to the Flemings and Zealanders in Flanders; and in the Country of Ysendyck, the Orange-Polder North of Ysendyck, Maurice-Polder, and Scoondyck, burnt some Farm-Houses and small Villages: The Damage however is not near so great as was at first reported.*

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated August 3.

*Hague, August 1. Yesterday the States dispatch'd 3 Expresses, one to the grand Army, another to Ostend, and the third to the Dutch Flanders: An Express sent Yesterday from Zealand, arriv'd here at 5 this Afternoon, with an Account that a strong Detachment of the Enemy's Army having entred the Country of Cadastan, committed great Disorders there; ruining about 100 Seats, and most of the Peasants Houses. They retir'd after they had settled the Contributions to be paid by that Country. The Inhabitants, who retir'd into Zealand on their Approach, are return'd home. Our Troops that were in those Quarters, have thrown themselves into the neighbouring Places. M. Vegelyn, Clarbeghen, and Heck, set out this Afternoon for Flanders, with a Commission from the Council of State. Brigadier Gaudecke died the 26th past at Audenarde of the Wounds he receiv'd in the late Battle. Several Advices import, that the Duke of Vendome designs to draw off the French Army by Detachments from the Canal of Bruges, by the Way of Furnes, to the French Frontiers; and to leave on the said Canal only 7 or 8000 Men strongly intrench'd, under the Count de la Mothe.*

#### By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

**A**T the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, on Wednesday next, being the 4th of August, will be Reviv'd a Comedy call'd, *The Debauchee; or, A new Way to pay old Debts.* The parts of Lord Lovelock by Mr. Bickerstaff, Sir Oliver Thrivewell by Mr. Keen, Careless by Mr. Mills, Tom Saleware by Mr. Norris, Mr. Save-all by Mr. Fairbank, Simon by Mr. Bullock, Watt by Mr. Pack, Lady Thrivewell by Mrs. Bradshaw, Clara by Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Saleware by Mrs. Moor, Crofton by Mrs. Finch, Phoebe by Mrs. Saunders, Clofset by Mrs. Powell. With an Epilogue spoke by Mr. Norris to his Brother Saleware's of the City.

This Play is Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Linton next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

Whereas John Pilcher, Servant to Thomas Bruncker the Carrier to the City of Canterbury, was Robb'd by a Highwayman on a brown Mare on Tuesday the 27th of July last, at Raynham-Mack in the County of Kent, of 3 Pieces of Silk, viz. One of Scarlet and Rose colour'd Damask of 24 Yards and a half, one of Alth-colour'd Satin of 50 Yards and a quarter, and one rich Green-colour'd Damask of 24 Yards or thereabouts, and 6 l. 19 s. in Money. Whoever shall discover the said Goods, so as they may be had again, to Mr. John Carter Canterbury Factor in Queen-street near Cheapside, or to Mr. Peter Lekkex of Canterbury, shall have 5 l. Reward, or proportionable for any part Recover'd.

Whereas Silvester Ventura, an Armenian, Aged about 26 Years, of a Middle Stature, fair and smooth Complexion, with a light-colour'd bob Wig, and who speaks good English, Italian and Armenian, and has for some time since acted as a Ship-Broker, did lately run away with divers Goods of a considerable Value. Whoever shall discover where the said Silvester Ventura is or may be met with, so as he may be apprehended and brought to Justice, shall receive from Mr. Charles Bernard at Barber's and Surgeon's-Hall in Mugwell-street 10 l. as a Reward, and reasonable Charges.